



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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On a rainy day last Thursday, Jan. 13, this view of the East Front Plaza, as seen from the Library of Congress dome, shows laborers installing paving stones near the Great Hall skylights, which have been covered to help secure the Plaza for inaugural activities and to maintain above-freezing temperatures in the facility below. The scaffolding in the center of the Plaza will serve as a temporary media stand.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/17/05 through 1/21/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Highlights:

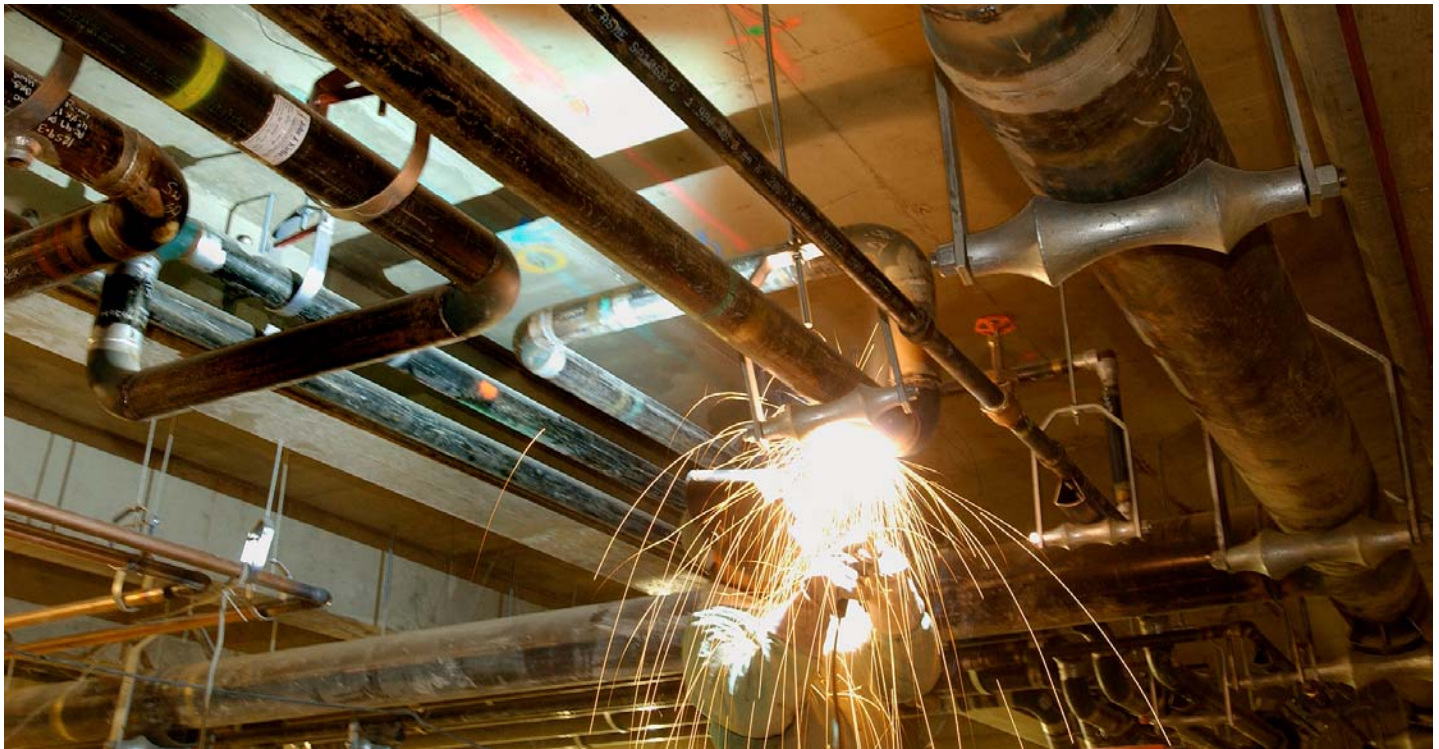
- East Front Plaza work is ready to support inaugural activities, including motorcade access and troop reviews.
- All work on the project will cease at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, for security preparations. Work will resume Friday, Jan. 21.
- Sequence 2 (build-out and finishes) workers continue to fireproof structural elements throughout the site.
- Stone masons have now placed more than 178,000 granite pavers on the CVC roof deck.
- Crews continue assembling the formwork for the pedestrian paths that slope down to the CVC entrance from First St..
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and erect interior block work.

East Front Extension

- All major steel erection and demolition activities are complete inside the East Front. However, some minor pockets of demolition activity will still occur and may cause temporary noise disturbances to adjacent offices. Sequence 2 contractors will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Materials and equipment are being mobilized to East Capitol Street in preparation for the construction of the primary CVC utility tunnel. In order for this work to occur as expeditiously as possible and to minimize safety hazards, East Capitol Street, between First and Second Streets, will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning Saturday, January 22, 2005, through October 15, 2005.



A worker welds the joint of a utility line in the CVC service level. Work on the primary CVC utility tunnel begins this Saturday, Jan. 22.

- Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained at all times along the south side of East Capitol Street. Access to the Metro bus stops on the north and south sides of East Capitol Street will be maintained until further notice.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Paving and sidewalk restoration work is complete along First Street SE.
- Final backfilling and other finishing work at the easternmost end of the tunnel will continue into next week.

Next Week – 1/24/04 – 1/28/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof in the eastern half of the site.
- Sequence 2 crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- Sequence 1 crews will continue demobilizing equipment and trailers from the House and Senate eggs.

East Front Extension

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- The street will be closed between First and Second Streets. Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Landscape restoration work is expected to occur above the easternmost end of the tunnel within the LOC grounds.



A worker installs air handling ductwork in the CVC.

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